

the province. The articles exhibited may be classified as follows:

1. School Furniture,
2. Maps and Atlases,
3. Charts and Diagrams,
4. Prints and Miscellaneous Illustrations,
5. Apparatus, &c.,
6. School Books and Publications.

1. The *School Furniture* consisted of master's desks, desks and seats for students, and for large and small pupils. The general appearance of the desks may be gathered from the accompanying figure, except that in the engraving the writing desk is omitted and the third or lowest drawer occupies the place of the feet of the desk.

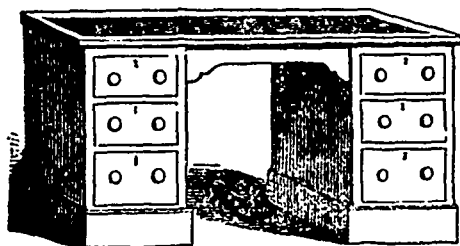


Fig. 1.

The other articles of furniture comprised a double desk for two students with appropriate chair seats (see figure 2.) and a variety



Fig. 2.

of single desks with similar chairs. Each desk is furnished with a shelf underneath the upper part of the desk, as seen in the engraving. (Fig. 2.) Both desks and seats are attached to iron supports which are designed to be fastened by screws to the floor. The height of the desks and seats are graduated, so as to answer for pupils of all ages. (See figures 2 and 3.) For the younger children a single chair-like seat is provided with a small open work iron basket attached to its side, designed to contain the pupil's books, &c.

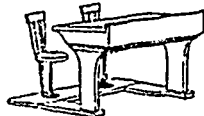


Fig. 3.

Furniture after the patterns exhibited, is manufactured in oak, by Messrs. Jaques & Hay, Toronto, at prices varying from 20 to 30 per cent. cheaper than the same articles could be procured in Boston, where the samples were obtained.

2. The specimens of *Maps* exhibited included samples of the Irish National Series, Johnston's, Varty's, the Christian Knowledge Society, Chambers' and other publishers in Britain and the United States. Each series is characterized by some peculiarity and excellence. The National Maps present a bold outline and are highly coloured; Johnston's are accurately drawn and beautifully coloured and varnished; the Chris. Kno. Soc. maps are very full—the land and water are coloured and varnished. Chambers' are clear and bold. In these maps the initial letter of the names of places is very large and the remainder of the word small. This is designed to avoid confusion arising from the multiplicity of names usually crowded on a map. Varty's are similar to the National Maps (both being constructed by

Arrowsmith) only they are engraved on a much smaller scale—probably one-half the size. The "combination" maps of this series (i.e., the full and outline maps mounted on the same canvass and rollers) present many excellencies, and afford greater facility for testing the knowledge of the student than any of the others. Each series contains maps of ancient, modern and scripture geography. We understand that the maps are sold at the depository, mounted, ready for use, at about currency for sterling, or about 30 per cent. less than they could be otherwise obtained, owing to the very satisfactory arrangements made by the Chief Superintendent of Schools with the English and American publishers.

The *Atlases* of the depository exhibited, included those published by Johnston, Chambers, Reid, Whyte, &c., &c., and comprise the elementary of the more advanced and the highest class of publications under this head. The prices noted on the atlases varied from £1 10s. up to £2 12s. 6d.—the cost of Johnston's celebrated Physical Atlas, (quarto edition.)

3. The series of *Charts and Diagrams* included historical charts and various illustrations in natural philosophy and astronomy. Johnston's Illustration of Natural Philosophy, Youman's Chart of Chemistry, and Varty's Astronomical Diagrams, attracted general attention from their distinctness and vivid colours.

4. *Prints and miscellaneous Illustrations.*—The selection from the specimens in the depository under this head was the fullest and most striking of the articles exhibited. It included illustrations of natural history, (200 specimens,) scripture history, scripture sites, scripture scenes, geography, grammar, spelling, reading, astronomy, geometry, writing, music, drawing, &c., &c. In teaching these branches the aid of the senses is called into requisition, and almost all the sheets contained engravings or drawings of some description accompanied by letter press description, printed in large type so as to be seen at a distance. There were also a great variety of tablet lessons, rules for schools, the ten commandments, &c., printed on large sheets for hanging up in the schools.

5. *School Apparatus.*—Under this head was exhibited Holbrook's School Apparatus, comprising an orrery, tellurian, lunar, geometrical forms and solids, and other useful adjuncts to a school. Also, the "Natural History of the Silk Worm" in a neat glass case, containing the worm, the moth, the eggs, and the cocoon, under two aspects. It is a beautiful little museum in itself.

6. *School Books and Publications.*—Among the books exhibited were the Dublin edition of the National series, various elementary works on agriculture and chemistry, natural history, &c., &c. Among the publications issued by the depository we observed an admirable little work on "Physical Training in Schools" in a series of gymnastical exercises (without the use of apparatus,) containing upwards of one hundred engravings of the different positions of the gymnast; price 7½d. Also the ten commandments, the Lord's prayer, and some admirable rules for schools, in sheets, 7½d. for the three;—school teachers' registers, &c., &c.

Altogether the display of school requisites was very interesting and attracted general attention. The collection was referred to by the President of the Association and other gentlemen, as among the most valuable contributions to the exhibition in its relation to the schools, and to the country.

Horses.

We were surprised to notice the large number of horses that were brought together on this occasion. Every Canadian pre-